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## NETHERLANDS.

*Report from Rotterdam—Inspection of vessels—Status of cholera at Rotterdam—Cholera in other localities.*

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, September 6:

Week ended September 4. Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 2, steamship *Cheyenne* in water ballast for New York; steamship *Zeeburg* with cargo for Jacksonville and Savannah; September 4, steamship *Ryndam* with passengers and cargo for New York; steamship *Napolitan Prince* with passengers and cargo for New York.

No emigrants from Rotterdam have been embarked. All Russians have been under 5 days' observation. All baggage has been disinfected. Crews have been inspected on deck, after being held on board as much as possible, and effects disinfected as necessary. Extra ship surgeons were engaged for both the *Ryndam* and the *Napolitan Prince*, in conformity with the United States quarantine regulations.

*Status of cholera in Holland.*

*Rotterdam.*—The law requires every person to report any case of illness suspicious of being cholera which he may note. Failure is punishable with imprisonment of from 1 day to 1 year. The people are very watchful, and the sanitary authorities are receiving many calls from all over the city. Positive cholera cases are appearing in less numbers from day to day. Filtered water from tanktugs is being supplied to bargemen, and boiling of all water for personal use is quite generally carried out. During the week there has been a total of 20 new cases of cholera with 8 deaths, making a total since August 20 of 34 cases with 14 deaths. There remain in the barracks 16 patients. The situation is improving very rapidly.

*General.*—Positive cases of cholera have been reported during the week at Uithorn, Breda, Gorinchem, Utrecht, Tholen, Middelburg, and Vlaardinger. There have been 7 cases with 5 deaths. All occurred among bargemen directly from Rotterdam. In some places the canal water has been rendered unfit for drinking by the addition of petroleum. All army maneuvers have been stopped.

*Rotterdam free from cholera—Cholera at Amsterdam and Dirksland.*

The following information is received from the Department of State, under dates of September 15 and 18:

September 15. A telegram of September 14 has been received from the American minister at The Hague, reading:

I am officially informed by the minister for foreign affairs that no case of cholera has appeared at Rotterdam since September 4, and no cholera death since September 8, and that under the treaty Rotterdam can no longer be considered infected.

September 18. The Dutch minister to the United States informs the Secretary of State that the last cases of cholera in the Netherlands occurred September 10, one at Dirksland and one at Amsterdam. Since that date no cases have occurred.

Dirksland is a village situated 20 miles southwest of Rotterdam, in the Rhine-Meuse delta.